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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the placement of twins in public school classrooms. Education.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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### PETITION OF:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	Elizabeth A. Poirier
Mary S. Rogeness	Robert S. Hargraves
George N. Peterson, Jr.	Karyn E. Polito
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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO CLASSROOM PLACEMENT OF TWINS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after section  
3 89, the following section:—

4     Section 90. A parent or guardian of twins or higher order multi-  
5 ples may request that the children be placed in the same classroom  
6 or in separate classrooms, if the children are in the same grade level  
7 at the same school. The school may recommend classroom place-  
8 ment to the parents and provide professional education advice to the  
9 parents to assist in making the best decision for their children's edu-  
10 cation; provided however, the school shall provide the placement  
11 requested by the children's parent or guardian. The parent or  
12 guardian must request the classroom placement no later than 14 days  
13 after the first day of each school year or 14 days after the first day of  
14 attendance of the children during a school year, if the children are  
15 enrolled in the school after the school year commences.

16     For purposes of this section, "higher order multiples," shall mean  
17 triplets, quadruplets, quintuplets, or more.

1        SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall be effective 30 days  
2 prior to the beginning of the school year, subsequent to the year this  
3 act becomes law.